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## Gov. Holt Talks At W. Va. State

Chief Executive of State Talks at Sunday Chapel Service; Is Most Inspiring Speaker; Says He Is Aware of School Needs

His Excellency, the Governor of West Virginia, Hon. Homer A. Holt, addressed the students and faculty of the West Virginia State college at the last Sunday evening services. President John W. Davis presided. Governor Holt spoke on the subject, "Christianity and Democracy," stressing the need of good will among nations and the preservation of the teachings of Christ for the enjoyment of human rights and liberties.

He also congratulated the college upon its progress and said that he was aware of the many definite needs of the college and was confident that in case the revenues of the state justified it, these needs with those of other institutions of the commonwealth would be provided for.

Music was rendered by Prof. Theodore Phillips at the organ and by the state choir under the direction of Miss Gladys B. Johnson.

W. Va. State College Promotes Spanish and Art Culture

The Romance Language department of W. Va. State college presented the Spanish talking picture version of "Maria," the classical novel of life in the South American Republic of Columbia, by Jorge Isaacs. The movie version very artistically adopted the romantic style of the author to the screen. The portrayal of the relations between Negroes and whites in 1840 in South America was perhaps the most interesting feature of the film.

Great interest is also being shown in a collection of sixty black and white prints which President Davis has secured of Mr. Edward B. Rowan, Asst. Chief of the Fine Arts Section of the FWA, through the recommendation of Dr. W. J. Trent, Jr.

These prints will be exhibited in the Art Center room where a set of religious drawings are now being shown.

Nazi Liner Safe at Home Port

Berlin, Dec. 3.—German naval authorities announced that the big luxury liner, Bremen, had arrived safely in an unnamed German port—presumably Bremen. It was sighted by an English submarine which did not offer to molest the ship.

EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADDRESSED BY MA SO LIT CLUB MEMBER

Sunday morning, December 3, Mrs. Joel E. Hight was presented by Mrs. M. T. Whittico and addressed the congregation on the "Emancipation of Women." She stressed women's attitude and the effects in the home, school and church. At the threshold has most to do in shaping the lives and conduct of our boys and girls. Those members of the MaSoLit club who sat in a body were: Miss Francis, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Shelton, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Whittico and Mrs. Hight.

The occasion was a Woman's Day program. Fifty-one dollars were realized.

Cornell Has One "Horticulture" Council member who has a "horticulture" which includes one of the largest private horticulture in the country and one of the most comprehensive records of the cultivated plants of the world.

MA-SO-LITS HELP ON 'MANNERS' PROGRAM

During the week of November 27th the MaSoLit club made it known that they were available to the schools desiring their assistance in promoting "Good Manners Programs."

Several principals wrote the club saying they were happy in the fact they could call persons at no expense to the school who were so interested in the behavior of Negro youth.

These persons gave lectures on good manners in home, church school and in public. Skits of the proper behavior on the part of young men and young women at a dance and the things one should not do in a theatre were demonstrated, using the pupils of the school.

Gary high had as speaker Mrs. J. H. Shelton; Gary grades, Mrs. J. E. Hight; Northfork high, Mrs. U. H. Prunty; Kimball high, and Mayberry grades, Mrs. R. P. Johnson; Excelsior high, Dunbar junior high and Keystone—Eckman, Mrs. M. T. Whittico.

At Dunbar the skit was directed by Mrs. Shelton; Excelsior with the assistance of Miss Lipscomb, and at Kimball high, Mrs. Geneva Walker. Each school showed its appreciation by the rendering of excellent assistance to make the program a success.

Just here we want to mention the sweet toned voices at Excelsior high. Truly music hath charms to soothe not only the savage but he who has no music in his soul, but is awakened to the fact something heavenly is being done when harmonious sounds are being uttered by those who can.

KKK BUSY IN FAR WEST

Aberdeen, Wash., — CNA—Long-brewing anti-labor hatred by vigilantes and the Ku Klux Klan which popped off last week with an attack on the Finnish Workers Hall is still raging and spreading here this week as marauding bands of terrorists cause trouble.

First Lady Assails the Dies Com.

Washington, Dec. 11. — The Dies Committee inquiry was sharply assailed this week by Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt who asserted that the committee's treatment of witnesses representing the "progressive" groups made one feel as though they were prisoners, considered guilty, being tried at the bar.

LOCAL RETAIL BUSINESS NEAR NEW HIGH PEAK

Retail business in Keystone and surrounding communities is gaining momentum for the past month and took an added spurt last week, is expected to reach a new high mark for the year this week-end.

Christmas buying has begun in earnest and with the wave of buying that is now under way local merchants were in accord that nothing can now occur to prevent this year's holiday business from being the best in years.

Timber Wolf Has Powerful Jaw The timber wolf has been endowed by nature with a most powerful set of jaws and sharp, tearing teeth.

## New Deal Waste of Money Is Deplorable

Bluefield Telegraph Gets Out 50th Anniversary of City Edition; Consists of 112 Pages

The Bluefield Telegraph for Thursday contained 112 pages one of the largest newspapers we have ever seen. The huge paper came out to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the city of Bluefield. The numerous pages contain about all known history of the southern West Virginian metropolis.

A. J. SIMONS FUNERAL

Funeral services of Mr. John Simons were held in the first Baptist church. Mr. Simons was a splendid citizen of this town and for years cared for the pumps of the town water system until his health failed. He was able to be around but had not regained his entire strength. At the time of his death he and his wife were visiting a daughter who was ill in Richmond, Va.

Interment took place in Woodlawn cemetery.

Order New Trial in South Carolina 'Scottsboro' Boy's Case

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 12.—Pres. Bibbs, one of the seven defendants in South Carolina's "Scottsboro case" won a new trial before the State Supreme Court this week.

Last January Bibbs and six companions were indicted by a grand jury and charged with the murder of Lewis Leslie, a white farmer and storekeeper, of McCormick, S. C., on October 12, 1928.

Despite intimidation of defense witnesses, the case was appealed to the State Supreme Court after an all-white jury sustained a first degree murder charge against Bibbs last February. Conviction of first degree murder in South Carolina carries with it an automatic death penalty in the electric chair.

John Baker and Arthur Patterson are two other defendants whose cases are now on their way to the Supreme Court.

Stores Open Late Until Christmas Throughout Coalfields

Merchants and other retail outlets throughout the coalfields have inaugurated the annual "open late" days that come just before Christmas and which last this year 'til December 23. The altered Thanksgiving seems to have had no effect on buying.

Georgia Youth Gets 4th Postponement in N. Y. Rape Case

New York, Dec. 8.—The 4th postponement of a hearing will assure Willie Lee Butts, 14-year-old youngster, whom Georgia authorities are seeking to extradite from New York to stand trial on a charge of rape, another chance, according to Don Critchton, who is defending him for the NAACP. Critchton said the hearing had been postponed until December 20.

A Dreary Picture of Government Facility—Ten Million Dollars a Day Debt Laid on Door-Steps of American Citizens

(By Dr. Emmett J. Scott)

Washington, D. C.—At Sioux City, Iowa, on September 29, 1932, President Roosevelt declared "And I hope to use this position of high responsibility (the Presidency) to discuss up and down the country in all seasons and at all times, the duty of reducing taxes, of increasing the efficiency of the government, of cutting out all the underbrush around our governmental structure, of getting the most public service for every dollar paid in taxation. That I pledge to you, and nothing I have said in the campaign transcends in importance this covenant with the tax payers of the United States."

This solemn pledge, solemnly made, during the presidential campaign of 1932, before Mr. Roosevelt's first election, was accepted as a "covenant" by the tax payers of the United States, actions and not by words, words.

But, what does the record say? A Minnesota newspaper has pointed out that Mr. Roosevelt made the solemn promise that he would reduce taxes—and he failed.

He gave his word he would reduce government expenditures—and he failed.

He gave his word he would end federal deficits—and he failed.

He gave his word he would make recovery his primary aim and that he would end depression, unemployment—and he did not.

He promised to keep politics out of relief and to take the federal government out of the business of relief—and he failed.

He gave his word he would reduce the federal bureaucracy and stop government competition in business—and he failed.

It may be added that, while MILLIONS and MILLIONS of DOLLARS have been spent for farm recovery, about 1,000,000 fewer persons are gainfully employed on farms today than ten years ago.

What a gloomy picture of government futility is here presented! Who has paid the cost of all this futility, of the outrageously extravagant, spendthrift unsound schemes and experiments, this manhandling of our national economy?

Congressman J. William Ditter of Pennsylvania, has attempted to answer this question. His reply is: "By every man, woman and child in America who has bought anything from a loaf of bread to an automobile, a part of it," he says, "was paid by the millions of men looking for jobs; fathers with drawn faces; mothers with worried and anxious eyes, not physically starving, but hungry for some hope, plodding along under the burden of an ever-increasing tax load, unsparing in its severity and unmerciful in its demands."

During this period of experimentation and futility, TEN MILLION DOLLARS of debt was laid EACH DAY upon the door-steps of citizens of the United States, and upon the door-steps of the citizens of tomorrow—the coming generation, as a fiscal heritage to be paid by them.

The freedom and stability of the United States are threatened. Recurring deficits of Four Billion Dollars a year portend national bankruptcy, inflation, and the complete destruction of thrift and industry in America.

Even the humanitarian projects of the government, relief, social security, housing, farm security, have been, in the main, defeated by reckless, unwise and unwieldy administration.

Colored Americans have a part to play in the solemn referendum of the American people to be taken in November next. As the largest minority group in the United States, they suffer many discriminations and inhibitions. They still remain the group "last hired and first fired."

The restoration of sanity in government means everything to them. It means the end of experimentation, industry restored to its rightful place in the American scheme of things, the protection of fundamental citizenship-rights, the opportunity to secure jobs that they may care for their families as self-respecting men should, and the end of that paternalistic philosophy which substitutes relief for permanent employment, a chance to preserve the free institutions of our country, the liberties and freedom inherent in national unity, and, finally, to contribute toward the solution of those exigent problems which press for action and solution.

Armored Car Visits Keystone

Early Monday morning of this week a strange vehicle was seen on Keystone's streets. A second look verified our guess that it was an armored car belonging to the government. The heavy vehicle was manned by two men in full war regalia. After they had attended to the business for which they came they departed on their way.

Coal Mines Now on 2 to 3 Days

Seasonal slowing down in the distributing and marketing of coal has put most mines on the old familiar two or three days work per week schedule. Realizing that there is nothing anybody can do about it most of the miners are taking it the right way and hoping the future will bring full-time work.

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For many years the Times has been a part of the life of the people of this section. It has been a source of information and a guide to the community. It has been a part of the life of the people of this section. It has been a source of information and a guide to the community. It has been a part of the life of the people of this section. It has been a source of information and a guide to the community.

DEAN LANE VISITS WVA

Dean and Mrs. David A. Lane, Jr., formerly of West Virginia State college, now of Louisville, Municipal college, with master Hugh and his sister Mary Ethel, during the week-end visited their many friends in Institute at Charleston. They were the house guests of Professor and Mrs. Austin W. Curtis, Sr. Many social affairs were held for them, including a party given by the faculty of the college at Gascock hall foyer on Saturday evening. Dean Lane addressed the student body at Friday morning chapel service.

President John W. Davis of W. Va. State Guest Radio Speaker

Institute, W. Va., December 7 —President John W. Davis of the West Virginia State college was radio guest speaker on the weekly program sponsored every Wednesday evening at eight o'clock by the W. Va. State Department of Public Safety. Pres. Davis chose the topic, "A Fellow Feeling and Highway Safety," in which he advocated the substitution everywhere of scientific and educational methods for the reduction of traffic hazards for the sentimental and emotional appeal.

WOULD WIDEN POLITICS BAN ON US WORKERS

Senator Hatch, D-NM, proposed that congress forbid political activities of state employees paid in part with federal funds.

The author of the law which imposes such a ban on most federal employees said his proposal would cover such persons as highway department employees, social security workers and office holders in other state agencies to which the federal government contributes money.

## Along Elm Street

GREENSBORO, N. C. --- By Capt. D. J. GILMER

At Trinity Mission, Greensboro, N. C., where hungry men and destitute strangers stop without money or without having to work before they eat and where we talk to them. "Sometimes we ask them if there is a story of their own which they would love to tell. One man, 59 years old, stood and said:

"I am a tramp, but not a hobo. I'm looking for work. I can't find it. What shall I do and who is to blame? The church and state I should say. And why do I say so? Too much freedom allowed education by the church and state in patent rights. Let me make a picture," he said. "For instance, a man owns a great industry, hiring a million men in his plants which were in many cities, clearing one dollar a year of each of the men employed in his industrial plants.

"Look about you and see clean little homes where the operatives live and raised their families. See the churches here and yonder, and hear their bells as they call the happy little families to commune with God. Then again, see another beauty of life—the little ones coming home from school. Then look and think this over," he said. "A man, educated, came and saw the great plants where a million men worked and carried on their homes. He drew in his mind the blueprints of machinery. He got a government patent right. He made the machines, while church and state looked on, participants criminally, and in the end the once happy million men lost their jobs to the machines in spite of God's law. 'In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread.' Then, Sir, I was made a tramp, looking for work—when, if I'm arrested as such, the law sends me to prison but allows men to be educated by church and state to make

machines that make tramps of honest, hard-working fathers. No restraint? Yet the church and state make no provision for the tramps which this educated men make—No longer is the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, but church and state educated men who make machines to put men out of work that graduates live easy, while the families of ousted men, victims of too much freedom and education that makes tramps of once happy fathers, who, lonely in box cars looking for work, sing of their lost homes. 'What was paradise is now a broken home—victims of an inane altruism—education by church and state with no law to curb the wild ambitions of men for wealth and ease at the expense of God's word, 'In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread.'"

COAL PRODUCTION DOWN

Successive and uninterrupted declines in coal production in local fields lowered the weekly loadings considerably. Most mines in the region are on two or three day weeks.

Cleveland Relief Mess Solved

By City-Federal Action Dec. 12 Cleveland, Ohio, December 12.—Cleveland's 1939 relief worry was apparently solved today by city-federal action, but the Ohio situation remained in the national spotlight as Secretary of the Interior Ickes and Governor John W. Bricker clashed again over the state's attitude.

Latest Gossip

Pipe-lines from Washington bring word that we may expect America to be at war within six months. Comment: Certainly we are drifting that way.